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Applicant: Jason R. Sullivan et al.  
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Title: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM WITH NESTED STABILIZER AND  
METHOD OF LOADING AND USING SAME  
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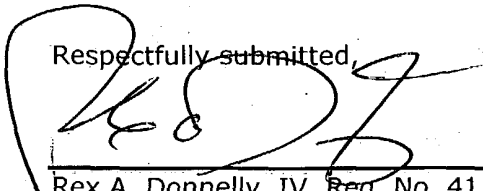
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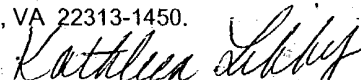
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